

# FGBIAA NEWS



Free Gospel Bible Institute Alumni Association Newsletter

September 2, 2017



Bro. & Sis. Kevin Allen

## Alumni Convention 2017

Thursday, October 5  
7:00 pm — Bro. Kevin Allen

Friday, October 6  
7:00 pm — Bro. Matt Jones



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Have you made plans to go to **Alumni Convention**? **Brother Kevin Allen** (Calvary Pentecostal Lighthouse) will be preaching Thursday night, and **Brother Matt Jones** (Broadway Assembly) is our Friday night preacher. Both of these brothers will be speaking in the seminar sessions during the day on Friday with various other special speakers on a variety of topics. The schedule will be posted in the next newsletter in just a couple weeks. *It is going to be great!* We hope to see you there!

### **DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO BE A PASTOR?**

ARE YOU WILLING TO RE-PIONEER A CHURCH IN AN AREA OF GREAT NEED?

WILL YOU BE THE ONE GOD CALLS TO STAND IN THE GAP? **SEE MORE IN THIS NEWSLETTER!**

## Help Please

Even since the last mass email we sent out I was made aware of people who are still not even getting the emails. Further, an **internal report revealed that only 50% of the email addresses we sent to actually opened the mail!**

Please help your Alumni Association by sharing this newsletter and by posting and tagging it and the Alumni Convention on your FaceBook accounts.

### Humble Reminder

Remember to send in your dues (\$15 single/\$25 couple), and your project offerings to: FGBIAA, Attn: Victoria Hough, 6525 Italy Road, Export, PA 15632. You may also conveniently use Paypal on the Alumni Web Page! **\$10,000**



### INFORMATION PLEASE

There is a link on the FGBIAA Website that provides an opportunity for you to send announcements to be included in our newsletter. Please follow that link, or send to rickyderocher@yahoo.com.

## RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD

By Michael A. Johnson

One of the greatest things a child of God can do in this life is to make an effort to know and understand God in a greater way. This is done in various ways from watching other Christians and patterning our lives after the best examples to being faithful to the local church and applying the Word of God that is preached to our daily walk. Most importantly, we need to read the Book God provided for us—the Bible. The Bible is God’s communication to all of mankind. In it He reveals Himself and what is expected of His creation. The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, “*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*” 2 Timothy 2:15.

As students of FGBI we put this verse to memory, and we learned a basic way to study the Bible. As alumni, many of us have made this the practice of our ministry. It has become a way of life. We read the Word and know what it says. But error is possible in its application if what we have read is not properly interpreted—“*rightly divided.*”

Our society has been inundated with a flood of various Bible versions, many of which contradict the Received Text (*Textus Receptus*) from which we now have our King James Bible. One major reason for the contradictions (as well as the additions and subtractions) in the text of these translations is because most of these modern versions have been translated from a different source. Is there only one Hebrew and Greek source? The answer is *NO!* False teachers and heretics began to corrupt the writings of the apostles soon after they were written. This is where many went into error, and it is also where we begin to go wrong.

Just as these early writings were corrupted because someone disagreed with what God’s Word said, so today, our prideful, self-serving interpretations can lead us into serious error. To safely interpret and apply God’s Word for our personal lives as well as for those to whom we minister, it is important that we employ an *exegetical* rather than an *eisegetical* means of study. **Exegesis** is a study method that leads us to believe and apply exactly what comes *out* to us from the text. **Eisegesis** is a form of study that applies personal opinion *into* the text and leads to belief and application that has been tainted by our opinion. Exegesis is concerned for truth and respects the context and wording of the passage. Eisegesis is only concerned with making a point or convincing others of an opinion even at the expense of the meaning of words within the text. ***We must never let our opinion determine what we believe the Bible says.*** One is good interpretation that leads to truth and purity of doctrine, and the other is a mishandling of the text and a bad interpretation that leads to error and false doctrine.

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## Pastor Needed!

Are you sitting and wondering if there is a place for you? Do you somehow feel that there are no open doors? ***“BEHOLD, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”*** These are the words of Jesus from John 4:35. Sure, you could construct some sign boards and walk the streets of your city. You could pack your bags and move out west and try to start a church with nothing. You could wait on your pastor to die in hopes that you could take his place. Any of these are possible...

**BUT THERE IS A PLACE!** There is a church just outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania that needs a man to fill the pulpit. There is a church building and a parsonage in need of a Pastor. ***Will it be you?***

If you are interested, please contact **Bro. Tim Chappel** by email or phone.

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